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1. BELIEVE LATE OCTOBER VISIT NOT FEASIBLE. SHIRINSKIY, MAIN MOVER IN MINED'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, HAS HAD OPERATION AND WILL BE OUT ABOUT TWO MORE WEEKS. WILL ADVISE ON NOVEMBER DATE, BUT MINED MAY REQUIRE EVEN MORE TIME TO PROVIDE RESPONSE EXPRESSING WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE COOPERATION.

2. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT TEMPLE IS PREPARED TO OBTAIN OUTSIDE FINANCING. MIN ED WILL BE INTERESTED IN CONCRETE DESCRIPTION OF FINANCIAL DETAILS. DRAFT PROPOSAL WRITTEN BY SACKETT SUGGESTED LARGE STATE DEPT. INVESTMENT.

3. BELIEVE THAT TO OBTAIN SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO PAY LOCAL COSTS SOME TYPE OF RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY. OTHERWISE WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING BOILS DOWN TO A ONE-WAY SERVICE FOR WHICH THEY WOULD BE ASKED TO PAY LOCAL COSTS. CONCEPT THAT U.S. TEAM COME HERE TO GIVE WORKSHOP WHILE SOVIET GROUP GOES TO U.S. FOR THEIR OWN IN-SERVICE EDUCATION MAY STRIKE SOVETS AS ONE-SIDED.

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HOW WOULD SOVIETS COMING TO U.S. BE FINANCED? EXCHANGE

PROFESSORSHIPS IS MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY FOR RECIPROCAL
AGREEMENT, AND COULD BE DONE UNDER LECTURER PROGRAM. WE
HOPE TO RECEIVE SOVIET REPLY ON LECTURER PROPOSAL
AFTER SHIRINSKIY'S RETURN FROM HOSPITAL, BUT THIS IS QUITE
DIFFERENT FROM WORKSHOP CONCEPT.
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